ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ : ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಭಾಷಣವನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧ ಮಾಡಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನದೇ ಆದ ಭಾಷಣವನ್ನು ಓದುತ್ತೇನೆ.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR :

2. I am happy to welcome all of you to this Joint Session of the Karnataka Legislature. I have been privileged to serve the people of this many splendoured State as the Governor for the last three years. I extend to all of you, on this occasion, my cordial Greetings.

3. Before I outline what my Government intend doing during the next one year in various fields, I fell it may be relevant for me to mention a few important developments which engaged the attention of my Government and called for special efforts on our part.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್. ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ : ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಭಾಷಣವನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧಿಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತಾಪಕ್ಷ ಕೂಡ ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡುತ್ತದೆ.

(ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜನತಾ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಸಭಾತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದರು)

4. Unfortunately, Karnataka faced unprecedented natural calamities during 1993-94. The earthquake felt on 30.9.1993 in Bidar, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Belgaum and Raichur Districts claimed 9 human lives and left 216 houses fully collapsed. In addition, 15,399 huts/kutcha houses were damaged and 15,128 houses developed severe cracks. The estimated loss to private and public properties is Rs. 9.25 Crores.

5. Further, excessive and incessant rains during October 1993 in Raichur, Bijapur, Dharwar, Belgaum, Bellary, Shimoga and other districts of the State caused immense loss to private and public properties. 67 villages were marooned and 77 persons lost their lives. On account of these rains, 15,331 houses fully collapsed and 1,84,834 houses collapsed partially. The estimated loss to private and public properties, including damage to the crops, is Rs. 247.97 Crores.

6. My Government took prompt action to provide immediate relief to the victims of the earthquake and heavy rains. The cash ex-gratia relief payable to the nest of kin of the deceased was raised from Rs.20,000 to Rs. 1.00 lakh, relief payable for fully collapsed houses was increased from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000 and for partially collapsed houses the maximum relief payable was Rs. 5,000.

7. Even recognising the strains that would be placed on the resources of the State, the Government undertook all efforts to provide succour and relief to the victims of these natural clamities. Till 19.1.94, Rs. 43.09 Crores have been released for the flood-affected districts and Rs. 2.80